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- Refugees in Yugoslavia has been formed. The unofficial Tugoslav representative who negotiated with the Rumanian refugees was one Popin, a former Iron Guardist who had studied in Rumania. The representatives of the Rumanians attempted to secure an agreement that the Association would be kept out of purely Tugoslav political concerns and would have the right to contact officially Rumanian and international relief organization. The Eugoslav representative refused to agree to these requests and threatened the Rumanians with forcible return to their own country at times during the negotiations. The Rumanians were told that the Yugoslavs were not organizing a philantropic organization but rather one for political education. It was pointed out to them that they were not negotiating on terms of equality.
 - 2. The constitution of the Association of Rumanian Refugees in Yugoslavia follows:

I - General Provisions

- Art. 1. For the purpose of grouping, directing, and furthering the Interests of Rumanian refugees in the FPR of Yugoslavia, with the assistance of the popular authorities, the association is to be known as "The Association of Rumanian Refugees in the FPRY" is hereby formed.
- Art. 2. Any refugee from Rumania in the FPRY who has reached the age of fourteen may become a member, on condition that he submit to the statutes of the Association.
- Art. 3. Any refuges from Rumania on Yugoslav territory may enjoy the services of this Association, whether or not he is a member of the Association. All refugess must within two months of obtaining a salaried position become a member of the Association. Should they fail to do so, they may no longer enjoy the services of the Association.
- Art. 4. The Association is located in the city of Kragujevac. The Association shall have its own seal with the inscription "The Associaton of Rumanian Refugees in the FPRY".

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Art. 5. In order that the Association may yield the best results, sub-committees shall be set up in such places as shall be indicated by the Directing Committee.

II - Tasks of the Association

- Art. 6. In support of the Charter of the United Mations, of existing international agreements concerning human rights, and with the purpose of developing peace-loving and friendly relations among peoples, of strengthening international peace and world security, and of preventing aggression, the Association intends to realize the following:
- a. to be active on behalf of the knowledge and appreciation of the peoples of Rumania and of the FFRT by educating its members in the spirit of friendly collaboration;
- b. to make available to its members the material and ideological information received from the mass organisations of the FPRY, for the purpose of knowing and respecting the political, economic, and cultural achievements of the two peoples;
- c. to educate its members in the spirit of knowledge of and respect for the brotherhood and unity of the peoples of the FPRY.
- d. to educate its members so that, through conscientious work in their employment, may contribute to the construction of socialism in Yugoslavia;
- e. in carrying out these tasks, the Association shal make effective its collaboration with the mass organizations of the peoples of Yugoslavia, and, particularly, with the Popular Front.
- Art. 7. The Association considers it necessary to withhold from publicity the name of each member of the Association.
- Art. 8. The Association shall intervene with the popular authorities of Iugoslavia, in order to assure the material living conditions (feeding, housing, medical assistance, and so forth) of its members, facilitating their engagement in the field of labor, according to their professional training and abilities.
- Art. 9. The Association shall organize cultural, artistic, and sporting activities for its members, through festivals, culture halls, libraries, and sports sections.

III - Rights and duties of Members

Art. 10. Each member of the Association has the right:

to participate in the activities of the Association;

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to express his opinions and proposals with regard to the activities of the Association, and to participate in the taking of decisions in the meetings of the Association;

to receive the membership card;

to resign from the Association.

Art. 11. Members have the duty to carry out the decisions of the Association's organs, to pay their dues regularly, to keep up the prestigs of the Association and of himself personally, and, everywhere, to work for the realization of the Association's tasks.

Art. 12. Membership in the Association is lost through resignation, through expulsion, through death, or through leaving the territory of the FPRY.

Art. 13. All members expelled from the Association lose the right to the latter's services.

Art. 11. Sanctions for failure to respect the provisions of the Statute shall be: warning, admonition, and expulsion. Appeals from decisions of the Directing Committee with regard to sanctions may be made before the first meeting of the Association.

IV - Organs of the Association

Art. 15. The organs of the Association are: the General Assembly, the Assembly of Delegates, the Directing Committee, and the Censors.

Art. 16. The General Assembly is the highest authority of the Association.

The General Assembly may be ordinary or extraordinary.

The Ordinary Assembly meets every year, and the extraordinary, upon decision by the Directing Committee, at the proposal of the Censors, or at the request of one-third of the members of the Association.

The General Assembly makes valid decisions with the attendance of at least one half of the members, through a simple majority vote of members present.

The General Assembly elects the Directing Committee and the Committee of Censors of the Association.

Every three months there shall be called a meeting of Delegates, elected in a proportion of one to five, which shall elaborate the plan of activities for the following three months. These Delegates may elect new members in the Directing Committee and in the Committee of Censors, in case of vacancies.

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- Art. 17. The Directing Committee is composed of a president, a secretary, a treasurer, and two members. The Committee of Censors is composed of three members.
- Art. 18. The Directing Committee takes valid decisions with a simple majority vote. In case of vacancies, the Directing Committee may be completed through co-opting provisionally until the next meeting of the Delegates or until the following General Assembly.
- Art. 19. The Directing Committee is responsible as a whole to the General Assembly for all handling of funds.
- Art. 20. The control of incomes and expenses shall be made by the Committee of Censors. The latter shall present the balance to each meeting of the General Assembly.
- Art. 21. The assets of the Association shall consist of membership fees, donations, receipts from festivals, etc.
- Art. 22. The dissolution of the Association may be decided by two-thirds of the registered members. In such an event, the General Assembly must decide the ownership of the Association's funds.
- Art. 23. The present Statute enters into effect immediately following its approval by the competent State authorities. It is elaborated by the meeting of Delegates, and may be altered by the same, as well as by the General Assembly of the Association. In such an event, the approval of the competent State authorities shall be requested.

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